

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-172 are presently active in this case. The foregoing amendment amends Claims 50, 54 and 59, and adds new Claims 87-172. As Claims 50, 54, and 59 are amended to correct informalities, and newly added Claims 87-172 correspond to Claims 1-86 rewritten to replace "means for" language with structural limitations, Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added.

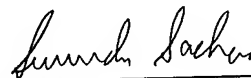
Applicants have received a Notice of Allowance indicating Claims 1-86 are allowed.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that Claims 1-86 are allowed. Because Claims 50, 54 and 59 have been amended only to correct informalities and the remainder of Claims 1-86 have not been amended herewith, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-86 remain in condition for allowance. Additionally, as Claims 87-172 recite substantially similar limitations to Claims 1-86, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 87-172 are also in condition for allowance.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion and present amendment, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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